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May 8, 2014

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Lisa Hadway, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Department of Land and Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Public hearing on proposed extensions of the Puu Makaala and Kipahoehoe Natural Area Reserves

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Department of Land and Natural Resources will be holding a public hearing on June 5, 2014 to receive testimony on the following proposed set asides:

1) Approximately 342 acres as an extension of the Puu Makaala Natural Area Reserve, TMK 2-4-08:09 por, South Hilo, Hawaii; and
2) Approximately 169 acres as an extension of the Kipahoehoe Natural Area Reserve, TMK 8-8-01:08 por, South Kona, Hawaii.

The statewide Natural Area Reserves System (NARS) was established to preserve in perpetuity specific land and water areas which support communities, as relatively unmodified as possible, of the natural flora and fauna, as well as geological sites, of Hawai'i.

The system presently consists of 20 reserves on five islands, encompassing 123,431 acres of the State's most unique ecosystems. The diverse areas found in the NARS range from marine and coastal environments to lava flows, tropical rainforests, and even an alpine desert. Within these areas one can find rare endemic plants and animals, many of which are on the edge of extinction.

Copies of the proposals that nominate these areas as Natural Area Reserves may be requested by contacting Emma Yuen, Natural Area Reserves System Planner at (808) 587-4170 or Emma.Yuen@hawaii.gov, or online at: http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/ecosystems/nars/.

STATE OF HAWAII
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED SET ASIDE OF APPROXIMATELY 342 ACRES AS AN EXTENSION OF THE PUU MAKAALA NATURAL AREA RESERVE, TMK 2-4-08:09 POR, SOUTH HILO, HAWAII, AND A PROPOSED SET ASIDE OF APPROXIMATELY 169 ACRES AS AN EXTENSION OF THE KIPAHOEHOE NATURAL AREA RESERVE, TMK 8-8-01:08 POR, SOUTH KONA, HAWAII

DATE: June 5, 2014
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Cafeteria, Volcano School of Arts & Sciences 99-128 Old Volcano Road Volcano, Hawai'i 96785-0845

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii, pursuant to Chapter 195, Hawaii Revised Statutes, will hold a public hearing on Hawaii Island to receive testimony on the subject proposed Natural Area Reserve extensions.

Copies of the nominations and maps of the areas are available for inspection. Any person may testify or present information at the public hearing. If you desire to attend the above meeting and require auxiliary aids (taped materials or sign language interpreter) please request assistance 10 working days prior to hearing. Persons unable to attend or wishing to present additional comments, may mail written testimony received no later than June 19, 2014. To request information or submit testimony, contact Emma Yuen at the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife office in Honolulu at the Kalanimoku Building, Room 325, 1151 Punchbowl St. Honolulu, HI 96813 or via email at Emma.Yuen@hawaii.gov, or calling (808) 587-4170.

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